

CHAPTER 50

"TO EACH HIS OWN WAY"













THIS
SHIP IS NO
EXCEPTION.

SMILE

WHAT
DO YOU MEAN
WHAT? IT'S JUST
BUSINESS! AFTER
ALL, I AM A THIEF
SPECIALIZING IN
STEALING FROM
PIRATES!

I NEVER RECALL
AGREEING TO BE
ONE OF YOUR
SHIPMATES, I ONLY
SAID WE WERE
JOINING HANDS!



BUT IT
WAS A
LOT OF
FUN...!

IT WAS A
SHORT WHILE
BEING WITH
LUFFY AND
THE OTHERS,



OH, BUT YOUR
TREASURES ARE
AN EXCEPTION!



HUH!?

TELL THE
OTHERS THAT
IF WE'RE TRULY
LINKED BY FATE,
WE'LL MEET
AGAIN!

WELL, SEE
YA THEN!

AND GIVE
BACK OUR
TREASURE!



WE WERE
ASKED TO
KEEP A WATCH
ON THAT
SHIP! YOU'RE
PUTTING US
IN A LOT OF
TROUBLE
HERE!



W-WAIT
A MINUTE,
SIS!

AGHH!
WHAT IS IT
THIS TIME?!



HOW DARE
SHE PULL A
FAST ONE OVER
US, ESPECIALLY
DURING THIS
CRISIS!



DAMN THAT WOMAN! JUST
BECAUSE SHE WAS ACTING
ALL NICE RECENTLY, I LET
MY GUARD DOWN FOR ONE
MOMENT AND THEN THIS
HAPPENS!



AFTER
SAYING
THAT, SHE
RAN AWAY!

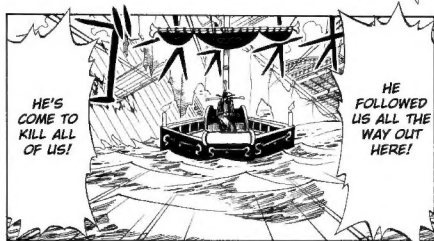






THE
ONE WHO
DESTROYED
OUR FLEET!

DON
KRIEG,
IT'S
HIM!



HE'S
COME TO
KILL ALL
OF US!

HE
FOLLOWED
US ALL THE
WAY OUT
HERE!




THE
HAWK-
EYED
MAN
...!?

I-IT
CAN'T
BE... IS
THAT...

THAT
BAST-
ARD...



A black and white manga-style illustration of Mihawk, the World's Strongest Swordsman, sitting on a throne. He is wearing a wide-brimmed hat, a vest, and has extensive tattoos on his arms. He holds a large sword behind his back. The background features a ship and falling bones.

WORLD'S STRONGEST
SWORDSMAN
"HAWK-EYES MIHAWK"





JUST TO
KILL SOME
TIME.

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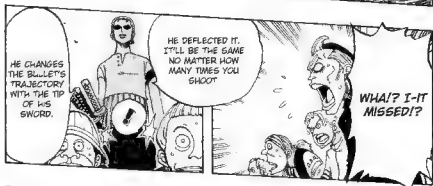
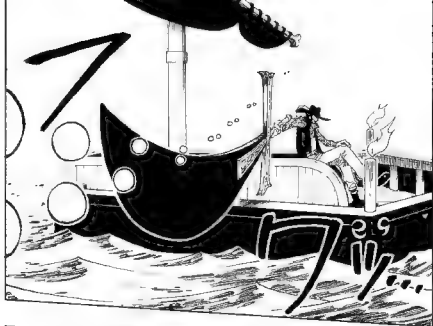
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BULLSHIT!

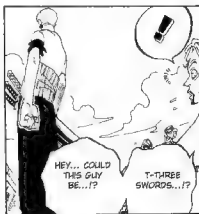


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GRIP



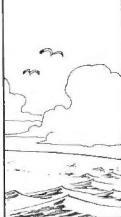








THEY
WERE GOOD
PEOPLE...



I WONDER
IF WE CAN
EVEN MEET
AGAIN...?



THE NEXT
TIME WE
MEET...

I WONDER
IF THEY'LL
COUNT ME
AS THEIR
FRIEND,



BELLEMERE...!

...I WANT
TO HURRY UP
AND BECOME
FREE,



D: WERE THERE REALLY WOMAN PIRATES?

O: YES, THERE WERE. BUT IT WAS CONSIDERED BAD LUCK TO BRING A WOMAN ON BOARD A SHIP IN THOSE DAYS, AND SO MANY OF THEM DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS MEN. THERE WERE TWO WOMAN PIRATES, MARY READ AND ANN BONNY, WHO WERE SAID TO HAVE FOUGHT MORE BRAVELY THAN ANY MAN. BY THE WAY, MY CHARACTER ALVIDA WAS BASED ON A FEMALE PIRATE NAMED ALVIDA WHO FORMED A PIRATE CREW COMPRISED ENTIRELY OF WOMEN.

D: IN AN OLDER MANGA CALLED "ONI GA KITARITE" (BY SHINGAGIN-SENSEI) THE SECOND PANEL ON P.16 OF THE FIRST VOLUME COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN DRAWN BY YOU, ODA-SENSEI. WERE YOU AN ASSISTANT THERE?

O: I CAN'T ENDURE ANY MORE OF THESE LETTERS, SO I'LL GO AHEAD AND CLEAR UP THIS MATTER ALL AT ONCE. HIROYUKI TAKEI, SHINGAGIN, MIKIO ITO AND I WERE ALL ASSISTANTS FOR "RUROUNI KENSHIN." SO WHEN MY FRIEND "GAGIN" GOT HIS OWN SERIES, I GAVE HIM A BIT OF HELP. ALSO WORTH MENTIONING IS SHINYA SUZUKI, WHO JUST HAD HIS DEBUT PUBLISHED, AND WAS AN ASSISTANT FOR RUROUNI KENSHIN, AS WELL AS AN OCCASIONAL HELPER WITH ONE PIECE. AND THAT'S THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ALL OF US. OK?

D: WHEN I WENT TO THE BARBER A LITTLE WHILE AGO AND ASKED FOR A ZORO HAIRCUT, HE SHAVED MY HEAD. WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO GET A HAIRCUT LIKE ZORO'S?

O: ASK FOR THE CUT OF A "MAN'S HEART AND SPIRIT."

D: IN CHAPTER 37, IS THE MAN WHO CAPTURED THE FAKE CAPTAIN KURO, THE MARINE CAPTAIN "AXE-ARM MORGAN"? WHEN I ASKED MY FRIEND, HE THOUGHT THEY LOOKED THE SAME TOO.

O: HE'S MORGAN. HE WAS A SERGEANT AT THE TIME, AND THEN GOT PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER. FROM THERE HE STRONG-ARMED HIS WAY UP TO A CAPTAIN, AND WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF A MARINE BASE. WHEN KURO LOOKED IN HIS EYES, HE MUST HAVE SENSED SOME SORT OF KINDRED SPIRIT BETWEEN THEM.